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Resolution 1994-02-07

PLANNING FOR WILDLIFE OVER-POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, state fish and wildlife agencies have jurisdiction over resident wildlife in each of their states; and

WHEREAS, fish and wildlife conservation agencies have an excellent record of managing species of wildlife; and

WHEREAS, many organizations, both private and governmental, are attempting to address wildlife over-population and damage through appropriate management and research activities; and

WHEREAS, in some cases, organizations entering into these research and control programs have failed to contact the appropriate fish and wildlife agencies before planning projects; and

WHEREAS, there are serious complications to the health and longevity of populations of species being subjected to various population control strategies; and

WHEREAS, immunocontraception and other methods of reproductive intervention are in developmental stages; and

WHEREAS, some efforts have been initiated with little apparent concern for the potential damage to species.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies affirms that planning for these types of programs must involve the appropriate fish and wildlife agencies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies recommends that research planning for these types of wildlife programs on federal lands must involve the appropriate fish and wildlife agencies.